

**TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Resolution

DISTRICT: This Program Serves Davie's Low/Moderate-Income Families

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A Resolution of the Town of Davie, authorizing each Town employee up to a maximum of two paid days to work on the Harmony Village Community Initiative Phase II during April-June 2004; and, providing for an effective date.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The "Harmony Village Community Initiative" in the Driftwood Area south of Stirling Road, contains both residential and non-residential components. The center-piece of the Plan is the construction of twenty-two (22) new single-family homes for income-eligible first-time home buyers, who must contribute 400 hours of sweat equity working on their homes. The homes are financed by local lenders with interest-free loans payable over twenty (20) years.

The Town donated the land for the project, and provided \$725,000 in grant funds for predevelopment of the site e.g. the water/sewer, roads, and sidewalks. The first twelve (12) homes were completed in September 2003, with Town employees and the Miami Dolphins joining other volunteers to construct the homes. The next phase i.e., the remaining ten (10) homes, will commence in March 2004 with "Collegiate Challenge", a spring break alternative that brings students from across America to build Habitat homes. The FBI is among the list of prestigious volunteers scheduled for the next phase, which is expected to be complete by September 2004.

Last year, during Phase I, the Town Council further demonstrated their support for this important affordable housing initiative, by allowing Town employees to be compensated to work two days on this project. At this time, we would like to request that the Town grant the same opportunity for Town employees to work on Phase II of this Habitat for Humanity Project

Participation would be voluntary, and would be subject to approval of each Department Head. Employees would work in supervised groups of 10-15 individuals daily; and, departments would carefully plan their work-force to ensure proper office coverage.

Work days will be Tuesday through Friday; therefore, only employees who are regularly scheduled to work on those days would be allowed to participate. Participation by Public Safety employees is not contemplated, since they work in shifts, and over-time will not be permitted.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: Ninety-six (96) Town employees worked on Phase I in 2003, at an estimated cost of \$29,568. (96 employees x 2 days x \$154 daily = \$ 29,568.

FISCAL IMPACT: Maximum 15 employees daily x 52 days x average General Employee gross pay of \$154 daily = \$120,120

RECOMMENDATION(S): Adopt the attached Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, AUTHORIZING EACH TOWN EMPLOYEE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO PAID DAYS TO WORK ON THE HARMONY VILLAGE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PHASE II DURING APRIL-JUNE 2004; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted the "Harmony Village Community Revitalization Plan" for the Driftwood area in February 2001, which sets forth a holistic approach to neighborhood revitalization; and,

WHEREAS, the center-piece of this plan is the construction of 22 single-family homes for income-eligible first-time homebuyers, by Habitat for Humanity of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, in June 2002, the Town donated a 4 acre parcel on the Davie Road Extension and allocated \$725,000 in SHIP grant funds to develop the infrastructure for the housing site; and,

WHEREAS, the first twelve (12) homes were completed in September 2003, with Town employees and the Miami Dolphins joining other volunteers to construct the homes; and

WHEREAS, The next phase i.e., the remaining ten (10) homes, will commence in March 2004 ; and, it would be a wonderful opportunity for the Town to further demonstrate its support of this important affordable housing initiative, by allowing each Town employee to be compensated to work two days during the months of April-June 2004 on this project; and,

WHEREAS, employee teams would be formed, and Departments would carefully plan their work-force to ensure proper office coverage; and,

WHEREAS, participation by Town employees would be strictly voluntary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: Each Town employee is authorized to be paid for two days to work on the Harmony Village Community Initiative "Phase II" during the months of April-June 2004.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004.